



State of Connecticut
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

TESTIMONY OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
March 3, 2014

The Division of Criminal Justice respectfully submits the following testimony on bills on the agenda for the public hearing of March 3, 2014:

S.B. NO. 261, AN ACT CONCERNING THE INHERITANCE RIGHTS OF A BENEFICIARY OR SURVIVOR WHO IS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER OR MANSLAUGHTER OF THE DECEASED BY REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT. The Division of Criminal Justice supports this bill, which would further advance the rights of victims of crime.

S.B. NO. 262, AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PRETRIAL ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAM. The Division of Criminal Justice supports the intention of this bill, which is to provide notice to victims who have suffered serious physical injury when the person responsible for such injury applies for the Alcohol Education Program.

H.B. NO. 5341. AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL VIOLATION OF A STANDING CRIMINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER AS A PERSISTENT OFFENDER. The Division of Criminal Justice supports this bill, which would strengthen the persistent offender statutes by adding criminal violations of a standing criminal protective order to the offenses for which the provisions of the persistent offender statute can be applied.

In conclusion, the Division wishes to thank the Committee for providing this opportunity to provide our input on these matters.